

Please reject NAB's petition 04-160 because XM instant Traffic and Weather provides a service not available from any terrestrial radio source. During the day it is impossible to receive any of the clear channel radio stations east of Banning CA. or west of Ventura CA. As a result there is no way to obtain traffic information for the very crowded freeways in the L.A. area. Having this heretofore unavailable information allows me to choose the route with the least traffic delays thus saving time and money in my business travels. I am sure that other areas of the country have similar problems. As the large cities expand (Los Angeles-San Diego-santa Barbara are now well over 15000 sq miles) terrestrial radio has not kept pace with expanded coverage. During the day the terrestrial sources don't provide information that covers let-alone extends outside the areas of high congestion. In a time of high fuel costs every hour of delay saved is how much imported oil not used? The same can be said for the weather forecasts which save time and possibly lives.